

The Madrian Literature Circle:

A Child's Outline of World History

INTRODUCTION FOR GROWN-UPS

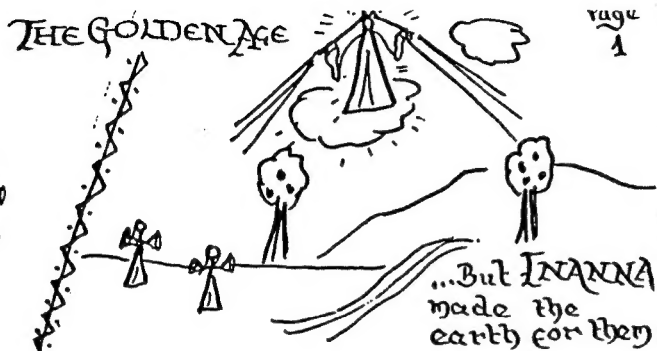
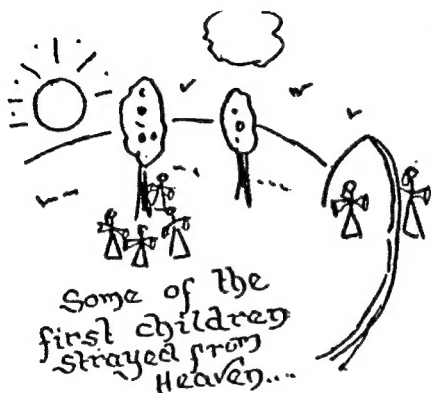
The following pages give a very broad outline of the course of the world's history from the beginning of the present world-cycle until the present time (and a little beyond). It may be read by children or to them, though its primary purpose is not either of these. The Outline is not primarily regarded as an end in itself, but rather as a basis for teaching and discussion.

Ideally, each paper should be used as the foundation of a lesson around which discussion may be centred and project work organised. The project work can include pictures, compositions, maps, models etc.

This individualised approach is particularly important since it allows the teaching to be adjusted to the age and ability of the children concerned. For example, to older children more detail may be gone into about the nature of the first people's coming from heaven to earth - how we mean not "people" travelling in space, but souls becoming incarnate in a material environment; and how the first ideal and archetypal creation was translated onto successively grosser and more consolidated levels of being until finally it reached the stage of physical matter. There are various levels on which these facts can be taught, ranging from the simplest forms of presentation (to which we have largely restricted ourselves in these papers) to the abstractions of philosophical metaphysics. Which level takes predominance in any given case will depend upon the child in question.

Madrian education has always proceeded orally, without the use of textbooks, and these papers represent a step towards putting some of it in a form which can be used by those who have not grown up within a traditional Madrian community. What will be missed are the traditional stories and narratives, usually told by the fireside, which give so much warmth and vitality to the historical accounts. To some extent the place of these will be taken by the accounts of the lives of children living in the different periods of history which are to provide a companion-piece to the present work. Some of the traditional stories will also be written down, but nothing can replace the traditional telling in the fireside setting by an experienced story-teller. As new open Madrian communities are founded, it is to be hoped that every Madrian child will be able to have this experience at least occasionally.

If any particularly interesting or difficult questions are asked, we would be grateful to hear of them. The answers to these questions may be compiled as a supplement to the Outline.



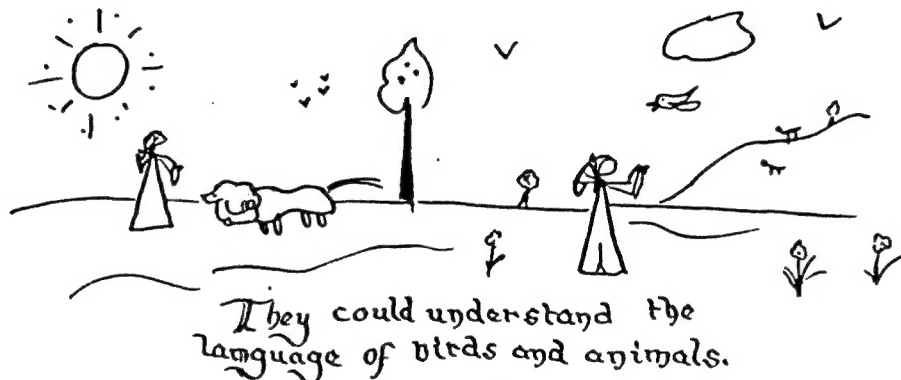
Where did people come from?

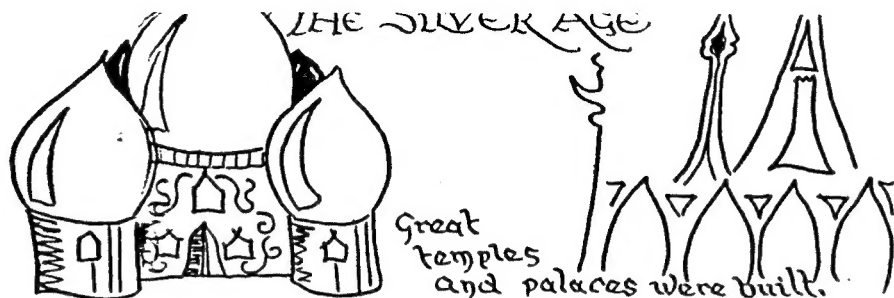
When God first made people, She did not put them on this earth, but kept them with Her in Heaven. It was so beautiful in Heaven, that I can hardly begin to describe it. But after a time, some of Her children disobeyed Her, and wandered away from Heaven.

Now Heaven is a place for perfectly good people, and because these children were disobedient, they could not find their way back. But God sent Her Daughter, Inanna to help them, and Inanna created a new place for them to live, and this new place was called the earth.

When She first created it, the world was so fresh and bright and beautiful that if you could see it, you would say that Heaven could not be any more wonderful than that (but if you had seen Heaven, you would know that it could!).

When people first came to earth, it was called the Golden Age. People were, not stuck in their physical bodies the way we are, they could just "step" out of them. They could travel to another place just by thinking about it. They could understand the language of birds and animals, and build a Temple in the air without wood or stones or any other physical material.





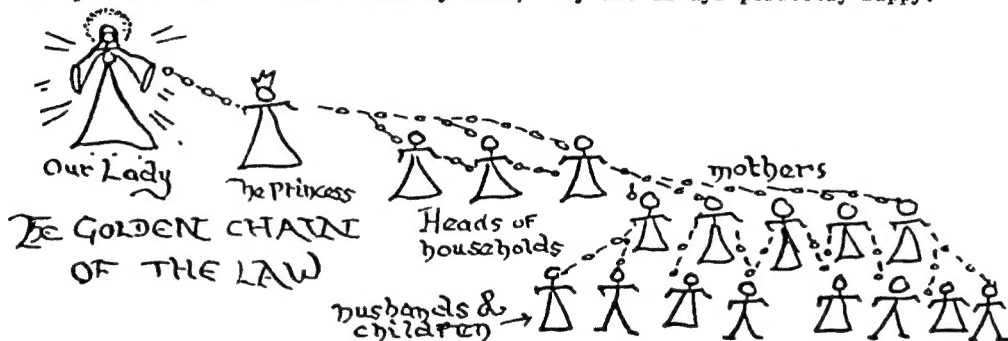
At the beginning of the GOLDEN AGE, people did not need to build houses at all, because they did not feel the cold, and for them, it was always like the warmest days of summer.

It was not until the SILVER AGE that any houses were built, and then, at first, they were only little round wooden huts. The GOLDEN AGE lasted for many thousands of years - almost as long as all the other ages put together. People lived for a very long time then, and it was not unusual for a person to be several hundred years old. As time went on, lives became shorter. In the late SILVER AGE, people only lived 150 to 200 years. Today they usually live only 70 or 80.

Toward the second half of the SILVER AGE, great temples and palaces were built in many places. These were very grand and beautiful, and full of wonderful works of art; but they showed that people had moved further away from God and were trying to make themselves at home on the earth instead of seeking the way back to their real home in Heaven.

But they had not forgotten God, and all their works of art, their magnificent cities and palaces, their beautiful clothes and music, just as much as their Temples, were all made in Her honour.

Great princesses ruled over the cities, and everyone was happy under their reign, because like true princesses, they did not rule according to their own likes and dislikes, but ruled in obedience to God and Her laws. These laws are so perfect that when maids live by them, they are always perfectly happy.



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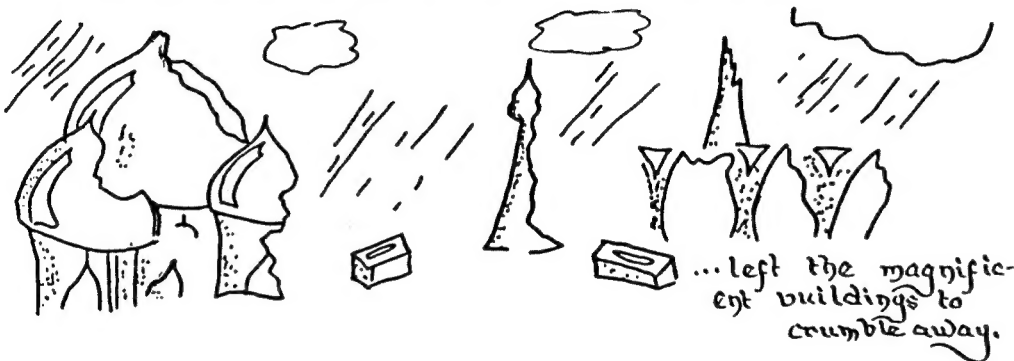


At the beginning of the BRONZE AGE, the great cities became larger and more magnificent, but now the great danger of these earthly glories was beginning to become a reality. People were starting to forget God, and lose themselves in worldly things. The great princesses forgot that they were God's servants and behaved as if they were only given their riches and power for their own enjoyment.

The people did not see why the princesses should have wealth and power instead of themselves. And of course, if the princess is not God's servant, there is no reason. But when they put up maids from among themselves to be their rulers, it was even worse, because these rulers did not obey the divine Law either, but only slipped farther from it.

The worse things became, the more people tried to find comfort in worldly things, but the more they did that, the worse still things became. Those days were very much like the present time in the profane world. In the end, the whole of that civilisation collapsed, because a society without God is just like a brick wall without cement. The golden chain of Her law holds society together, and when that chain is broken, it will soon fall to pieces.

Through greed and quarrelling, and by upsetting the balance of nature with materialistic inventions (just as people are doing today), the great cities of the early bronze age fell into decay. People went off into the hills or the countryside and left the magnificent buildings to crumble away.



THE BRONZE AGE, II



The sacred arts & crafts
were brought from
Heaven to earth...

...maids guarded them
in cave-days - men were
sent out to hunt.
They were REMEMBERED,
NOT INVENTED.



After the fall of the great cities, many people wandered the countryside, or lived in caves. Many profane people believe that these were the very first people in the world. They call them cave-men and believe that they had only just learned the simplest things, like making fire. Actually, of course, they only **REMEMBERED** these things, while they had **FORGOTTEN** most of the other things which they used to know.

Profane people believe that these "cave-people" had developed from monkeys only a little time ago, and that the whole human race is only about two million years old, and could not make simple things by hand until about twenty-five thousand years ago, but they have found the imprints of well-made rope sandals in places where they must be at least fifteen million years old. But they just ignore things like that, and pretend they do not exist.

The cave-people are called "cave-men" by profane people because they pretend that men were in charge in those days, just as they are in the profane world today. Actually, the profane people who know most about it know that this is not true, but most profane people pretend that it is. Actually maids were in charge of the cave-societies, were leaders in the communities and heads in the households, just as they had always been. It was not until much later and much darker times that men took over.

The cave people were not stupid, as is sometimes said. Although they had forgotten many practical things, they still had a deeper spiritual knowledge than the profane world has today, and their arts and crafts were rich in spiritual meaning. Profane people often talk of these arts and crafts being "invented" by the cave-people, but, of course, no true craft has ever been invented on this earth, for maid brought all the true sacred crafts with her when she came from Heaven. So when people say "invented", they should really say **REMEMBERED**.



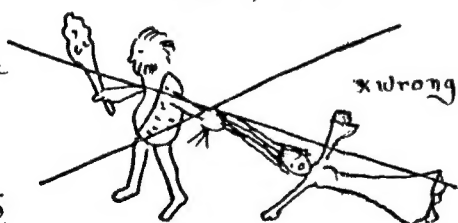
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IDEAS**

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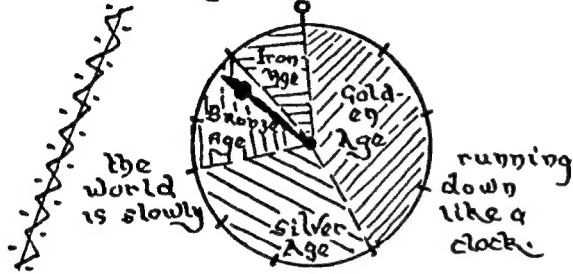


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So, the cave-~~maids~~ had forgotten many things, and also remembered many things. But not everybody had forgotten those things which had been forgotten. On the great continent of ATLANTIS, now sunken beneath the waters, lived a race of people who had not forgotten the old ways. Their ruler was called QUEEN BASILEA.

Queen Basilea decided that it was her duty to help the other peoples of the world, and so she made ready a great fleet of ships which sailed all over the world. And wherever the red-haired Atlanteans landed, they taught the forgotten ways to the people, and helped them to build up magnificent civilisations centered upon love and obedience to God, just like those of the Silver Age.

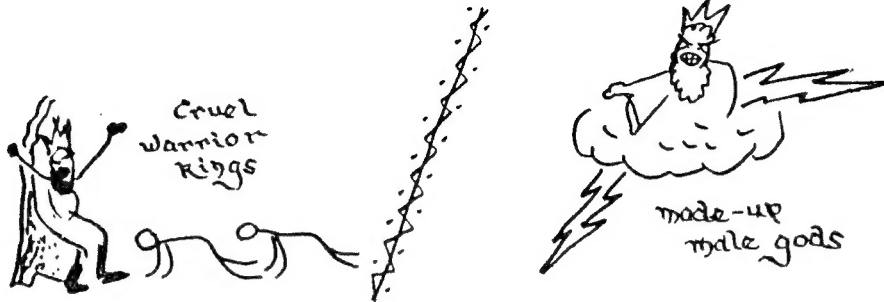
But they could not be quite like the Silver Age, for times change, and what is possible to our mothers is not possible to us. For the world is slowly running down, like a clock that has been wound up a long time ago. But the Bronze Age cities were very good places, ruled by good princesses who obeyed the Divine Law. The people were happy, and lived close to God. Beautiful clothes and buildings and pictures and music were made, all for the love of God.

Wherever they went, the Atlanteans left four objects behind them: a golden chalice, a silver moon-axe, a bronze yoke and an iron plough. These symbolised the four ESTATES into which people were divided in the bronze age. Priestesses and scholars, queens and nobles, craftswomen and farmers. There was also a fifth estate, which was above the other four. This was the estate of those who gave up the world, and gave their whole lives to God in contemplation, often they went away to live in lonely places and later returned to give teaching and spiritual help to others.

The Contemplative Life

The Active Life



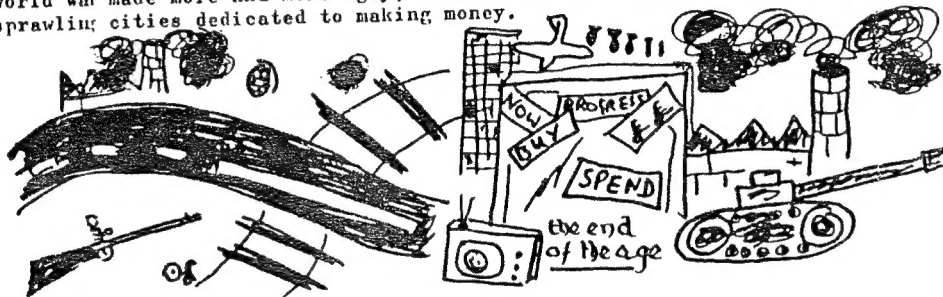


Because the world is running down like a clock, the happy time which began in the early part of the Bronze Age could not last forever. It did last for thousands of years, but towards the end of the Bronze Age, things started to decline even more badly than at the end of the Silver Age. Cities got bigger and more greedy, and people became obsessed with money and possessions. At the beginning of the Iron Age, all sorts of false ideas were starting to creep into religion itself.

First, people imagined that God had not a Daughter, but a son, and later they decided that God Himself was a man! Because religion is the centre of life, these ideas quickly started to affect other areas of life. In the end, kings took the throne away from the princesses, and fathers became the heads of households instead of mothers. This arrangement is called PATRIARCHY..

The kings who took over were very cruel, they often burned towns and villages in their fight to take over power, and invented horrible ways of killing people who disagreed with them. All patriarchal governments, right up to the present day use horrible methods like these. Sometimes, in times of peace, they stop using them for a short while, but they quickly start again when it suits them.

As the Iron age wore on, people believed less and less in religious truths, until, in the end, the patriarchs did not even believe in their own invented male god. Instead, they plunged themselves into worldly things even more deeply than the Silver or Bronze Age people had done at their worst. They invented all sorts of machines and deadly weapons, and found out many things about nature and the world, but all in order to satisfy their own greed. The world was made more and more ugly, scarred by roads and railways, and huge sprawling cities dedicated to making money.

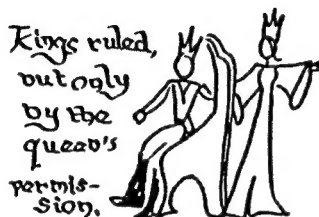


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CONFUSED STATES



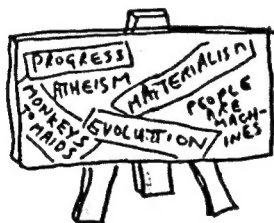
At the end of the Iron Age, people even stood history on its head, and pretended that the Iron Age was BETTER than all the other times, and that because people in earlier ages did not spend all their time inventing new weapons and machines and ways of making money, they must have been stupider than people are now! This idea is called PROGRESS or EVOLUTION. It says "We started off as monkeys, and we have been getting better ever since. This modern patriarchal world is the best thing ever!"

This idea is a very new invention, because even in most of the patriarchal times, people knew that things were getting worse. All the wisest people in every age have taught the opposite of progress; but the clever thing about the progress story is that the people who tell it don't have to take any notice of the wisest people of the past, because they were only stupid people who had not invented bombs and factories. Whenever you see a profane book about the past, you will always find this silly idea in it somewhere.

We must not forget that from the beginning of the Iron Age to the present time, which is near to the end, was a very long time indeed. The whole of what the profane world calls history does not go back as far as the beginning of the Iron Age.

Patriarchy as we know it today did not come in until quite late. There were lots of in-between periods. Periods when queens ruled, but kings had a lot of power, when kings ruled, but only by the queen's permission and all sorts of other complicated situations.

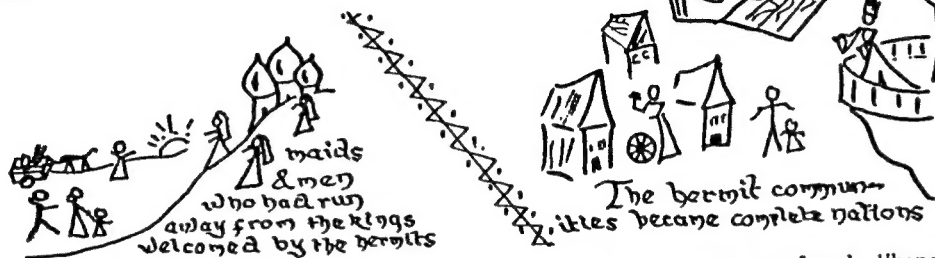
In spiritual wisdom, the situation was equally confusing. Some bits of the Truth were kept, others were lost, and different things happened in different places. For example, the western world lost the truth that we live many different lives, but the eastern world kept it.



The profane world boastfully ignores all the wisest people of the east (even the patriarchal ones)

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As patriarchy progressed, the situation became even more confused. Whenever a country went patriarchal, the people quickly discovered that they did not like it; and if the king was not strong enough, there would be a revolution, and a matriarchal princess would take over again. Sometimes a country would switch from matriarchy to patriarchy and back again several times in a single lifetime.

Slowly, the kings became stronger and cleverer, and because the world was becoming older and more tired, people did not have the power to resist them. But then a surprising thing happened. Groups of maids and men who had run away from the tyrannical kings in the cities began to band together in the hills and mountains. There they met hermit-maids who had left the cities before the patriarchal times in order to live the CONTEMPLATIVE LIFE. Realising that their troubles had come in the first place from turning away from God, they asked these hermit-maids to help them to re-organise their life in the old God-centred way. There were lots of hermit-maids, and some men too, because as the cities had become worse and worse toward the end of the Iron Age, more and more of the most spiritual people had left them, and whole communities of hermits had grown up in faraway places.

So now, instead of just being like convents, these communities became complete countries in themselves, with their own princesses ruling in obedience to the Divine Law, and with people following every branch of the ACTIVE LIFE. Because they remembered the old ways, these nations became the happiest and best-organised in the world. They paid especial honour to Inanna, and used Her symbol of the moon in jewellery, art and decoration of all sorts. Because of this, they were called, in the Greek language, AMAZONS, or moon-maids.

But the patriarchal kings became jealous of the Amazon nations, and sent out armies of fierce men-soldiers with swords and clubs and fiery torches to destroy them.



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They learned archery & swordsmanship



The Two princesses

At first the Amazons ran away from the men-soldiers, but the hermit-maid showed them how spiritual concentration can make perfect the art of fighting just like any other art. They taught the sacred MARTIAL ARTS of archery, swordsmanship and unarmed combat (fighting without a weapon). The Amazon soldiers were mostly maids, but some men were also allowed to join them. They were highly disciplined, and although they fought hard, they were never cruel. They never burned villages or tortured people, or used more violence than necessary as the patriarchal armies did. Their spiritual martial arts made them much more powerful than their opponents who relied on mere brute force.

When they had made their homes safe from invasion, the Amazons decided to go out and set free the lands which had been conquered by the patriarchal tyrants, and to show the people how to return to God. Each Amazon nation had two princesses - the senior one was a hermit devoted wholly to God. She ruled at home over the people. The junior princess was obedient to her. She was a soldier, and led the army out to set free the captive peoples in patriarchal lands.

Very soon, large areas of the world had been set free, and for hundreds of years matriarchal, God-centred societies covered most of the earth once again. The patriarchs were reduced to a few barbarian tribes on the borders of civilisation.

But as the world became older, the patriarchs began to creep back, and for a long time the civilised world passed from the hands of the Amazons to those of the patriarchs quite often.

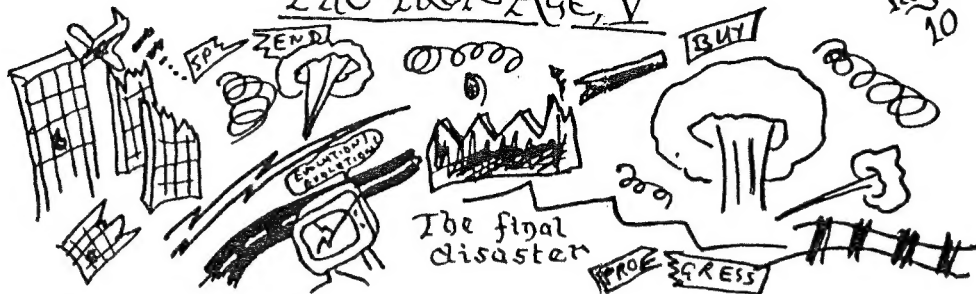
There were two great Amazon nations. The greatest was called the nation of the THERMODONTINES. They lived in central Asia, and from there, they set out in their strongest days to liberate not only Southern Europe, but the Indian and Chinese lands as well. The smaller group were the LIBYANS. At their strongest time, they liberated the whole of Southern Europe, North Africa, Egypt and Arabia. There were also some smaller groups of Amazons.

- 1 Italy
- 2 Greece
- 3 Spain
- 4 Arabia
- 5 Black Sea
- 6 Caspian Sea
- 7 Mediterranean
- 8 Libyans --->
- 9 Thermodontines -->



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When the countries liberated by the Amazons were finally defeated, patriarchy reigned over many parts of the world, though not all. In Britain, Germany and most parts of Northern Europe (you will see from the map that the Amazons never went to those places - they did not need to) there was still a matriarchal rule. The same was true in parts of Africa, America and some remote parts of Asia, such as Tibet. Egypt kept its Amazon government long after the surrounding areas had succumbed to patriarchy. As the age wore on, these matriarchies fell one by one, although some of them survived until only a few hundred years ago.

Look again at the "clock" on page 5. Now the hand is almost upright at the very end of the Iron Age. The "last days" are here, our Lady is forgotten by almost everybody except the faithful few. People care for nothing except worldly and material things. The balance of nature has been upset by the massive machinery that is used by the profane world, the air and earth and sea is polluted. We are told that civilisation cannot last much longer, even if the terrible bombs and other weapons which the patriarchs have invented are not used.

What will happen? Long long ago, our mothers said that the age would come to an end; that faith and wisdom would be lost and terrible things would happen. They knew all about it, even though it is taking modern profane people by surprise. They also knew what would happen afterwards.

The modern world will come to an end. But when the age ends, a new age will begin. We will come back to a new Golden Age. Everyone will turn back to our Lady, and the world will be peaceful again and full of the love and joy of the great God-centred matriarchal civilisations. And those people who are Madrians today will have the job of leading the world back to the old ways. It is a wonderful thought, to know that today's Madrians are the children of the future.

